

Arabic 3/4

Note: Dictionaries on bottom shelf of the bookshelf behind my desk

Arabic dictionaries are organized by root جذر. In order to look up a word, you must first discover its root.

Some basic principles:

- 1) Arabic roots are, generally speaking, 3 letters
If the word is more than 3 letters use the following tips to discover the root:
- 2) The letter م at the beginning of a word is often not a part of the root
- 3) The letter ت at the beginning of a word is often not a part of the root

1 other note- vowels و ي can be tricky. If your word has a vowel, search carefully.

Directions:

For homework, you researched the Arabic translation of English words. Today you will double check that work against the Arabic dictionary. You will repeat the same process for at least 5 words. Record your work on the back or on a separate page according to the example below.

- 1) Record the English word and the word(s) you found in Arabic
- 2) Discover the root جذر- you may need to try several different roots before you find the right one. Record each root you try
- 3) All the words listed nearby in the dictionary are from the same root. List 2 other related words in Arabic and their English meaning.

Example:

Word in English: Respectful

Word in Arabic: محترم

Root? ح ر م

2 other related words: حريم - women

حرام- sacred